AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled):

Claim 17 (New): An information terminal, comprising:

a reproducing unit that reproduces contents;

an informing unit that informs an occurrence of an event;

a superposing unit that superposes an output of the reproducing unit and an output of the informing unit; and

a controlling unit that controls a timing of informing of the occurrence of the event and a timing of superposition of the output of the reproducing unit and the output of the informing unit in a predetermined reproducing procedure; and

an extracting unit that extracts meta information from the contents to select the predetermined reproducing procedure from a plurality of reproducing procedures,

wherein the controlling unit controls the timing of informing of the occurrence of the event and the timing of superposition of the output of the reproducing unit and the output of the informing unit in the predetermined reproducing

procedure which is selected based on the meta information extracted by the extracting unit.

Claim 18 (New): An information terminal, comprising:

a reproducing unit that reproduces contents;

an informing unit that informs an occurrence of an event;

a superposing unit that superposes an output of the reproducing unit and an output of the informing unit; and

a controlling unit that controls a timing of informing of the occurrence of the event and a timing of superposition of the output of the reproducing unit and the output of the informing unit in a predetermined reproducing procedure; and

an acquiring unit that acquires meta information corresponded to the contents from contents data including at least one of character data contained in the contents, a file name of the contents, a file form time of the contents, a file update time of the contents, a file size of the contents, a file type of the contents, a file extension of the contents, a file format of the contents, and a file header of the contents, from an external system based on the contents data, or from either one of data contained in picture recording setting information, data contained in program guide information used in a picture

recording, and data contained in program guide information acquired newly after the picture recording is started,

wherein the controlling unit controls the timing of informing of the occurrence of the event and the timing of superposition of the output of the reproducing unit and the output of the informing unit in the predetermined reproducing procedure which is selected based on the meta information acquired by the acquiring unit.

Claim 19 (New): A method of informing an event occurring in an information terminal including a reproducing unit that reproduces contents, an informing unit that informs an occurrence of an event, and a superposing unit that superposes an output of the reproducing unit and an output of the informing unit, the method comprising:

controlling a timing of informing of the occurrence of the event and a timing of superposition of the output of the reproducing unit and the output of the informing unit in a predetermined reproducing procedure; and

extracting meta information from the contents to select the predetermined reproducing procedure from a plurality of reproducing procedures,

wherein in the controlling step, the timing of informing of the occurrence of the event and the timing of superposition of the output of the reproducing unit and the output of the informing unit are controlled in the predetermined reproducing procedure which is selected based on the meta information extracted in the extracting step.

Claim 20 (New): A method of informing an event occurring in an information terminal including a reproducing unit that reproduces contents, an informing unit that informs an occurrence of an event, and a superposing unit that superposes an output of the reproducing unit and an output of the informing unit, the method comprising:

controlling a timing of informing of the occurrence of the event and a timing of superposition of the output of the reproducing unit and the output of the informing unit in a predetermined reproducing procedure; and

acquiring meta information corresponded to the contents from contents data including at least one of character data contained in the contents, a file name of the contents, a file form time of the contents, a file update time of the contents, a file size of the contents, a file type of the contents, a file

extension of the contents, a file format of the contents, and a file header of the contents, from an external system based on the contents data, or from either one of data contained in picture recording setting information, data contained in program guide information used in a picture recording, and data contained in program guide information acquired newly after the picture recording is started,

wherein in the controlling step, the timing of informing of the occurrence of the event and the timing of superposition of the output of the reproducing unit and the output of the informing unit are controlled in the predetermined reproducing procedure which is selected based on the meta information acquired by the acquiring step.